REMARKS

This application is being filed concurrently with entry into the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/GB2004/000039 which claims the priority of Great Britain Patent Application No. 0300495.9.

This Preliminary Amendment was considered when calculating the filing fee. Accordingly, the total number of claims specified on the Transmittal Letter is 11 and the number of independent claims is 1.

Claims 1-11 remain in the application. Claims 5-8 and 10-11 have been amended and claim 12 has been cancelled.

Claims 5-8 and 10-11 have been amended simply to eliminate multiple dependencies in these claims.

It is not believed at this time that any additional fee is due. As a precaution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 02-2865 any additional fee required by this submission.

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